

REPEATED ATTACKS ON BRITISH POSITION GROW IN INTENSITY

Fighting at Hill No. 60 Promises to Spread Over Wide Front.

ENGLISH STILL CLING
TO IMPORTANT POINT

City of Ypres Again Target for
Seventeen-Inch Shells
Used in Battle

PELGIAN REPULSE GERMAN

French Claim to Have Captured
Many Trenches From the Foe.
Asphyxiating Bombs Being

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the wide front with increasing intensity, even rivaling the attempts of the Germans to break through the British lines last fall.

Losses on both sides already are heavy.

The city of Ypres, whose historic structures were shattered

by German projectiles last October, again is the target of heavy shells. Huge seventeen-inch missiles are now being used, and un-

less the civilian population has fled or is taking to its cellars, the losses among the people must be heavy.

There was given out in London this morning the regular semi-weekly report on conditions at the front. It is dated April 22 and reads:

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which had stopped at the time of issuing the report of last Monday, have been renewed several times. These attacks all failed. We hold the entire crest of the hill and so deny its use to the enemy, who have attached great importance to it.

There is not, and there never has been, any truth in the German official communication that the enemy had recaptured this position. During the operations around hill No. 60 the enemy fired shells seventeen inches in diameter into the town of Ypres.

Two Mines Exploded.
 "April 21, in the neighborhood of L. Bassee, the enemy exploded two mines opposite our right. They failed to damage our trenches. Having discovered German mining operations in the neigh-

"April 19 one of our airmen carried out a very bold and successful single-handed attack on an airship shed near Chert. He had to run a gauntlet of fire

from the ground, directed by a captive balloon, in order to attack his objective. In spite of this he came down to within 200 feet of the ground and effected his object, causing a serious explosion in the shed."

Successful operations for all of the allied armies fighting in the western arena are claimed by Paris today in its official statement. In addition to British and French forces making advances and repulsing the enemy at sev-

eral points, the Belgian army has again been brought into the fighting by an attack from the Germans to the north of Dixmude, where it is declared the kaiser's men were thrown back with great losses.

NATIONAL AVIATION CARNIVAL PLANNED **JURY IS TO DETERMINE HARRY THAW'S SANITY** **FLOOD AND TORNADO CLAIM MANY LIVES**

**Fierce Storm Sweeps Over
Oklahoma and Texas, Do-
ing Much Damage.**

SEVEN PERSONS DROWNED IN ONE AUSTIN HOUSE

Gas Mains Break and Factories Are Tied Up—Lightning Sets

AUSTIN, Tex., April 23.—Floods that swept down Waller and Shoal creeks here last night took a toll of fifteen or twenty lives, according to estimate today. Houses were jammed in masses against the bridges and the high water flooded many business houses. Har-

The dead in this house are: Mrs. C. S. Ezell, Elbert Edwin Ezell, aged nine years; Martha Virginia Ezell, aged five years; Harvey King, aged twenty,

Others believed to have been drowned are Mr. and Mrs. Winkler, an aged couple; Tom Quinn, a fireman, who was engaged in rescue work; William and Rachel Curtis, two Leonard brothers and some Mexicans and negroes.

Heavy Property Damage.

DALLAS, Tex., April 23.—At least eight persons dead, a heavy property damage, telegraph and telephone communication interrupted and railroad schedules disarranged by washouts of soft track and threatened bridges, was the known result today of a rain, electrical and wind storm.

In the Thrall oil field near Taylor, Tex., tanks containing 150,000 barrels of oil were set fire by lightning. The loss, it is said, would be \$75,000. Lightning started a fire in an oil warehouse in Dallas, causing a loss of \$120,000.

In Oklahoma the Canadian river a Chickasaw has cut a new channel two miles from its old bed, and ten passenger trains were marooned there. The Santa Fe railroad has lost 1,099 feet of track at Purcell, and bridges are threatened at several points on that road by swollen streams.

has left Dallas and Fort Worth without natural gas. It was not known today when the break could be repaired.

Reports from Fort Worth said many big plants which depended on gas for fuel were shut down. The first break in the gas mains was repaired early today, but a second break a short time later swept away another stretch of pipe.

At Bay City four inches of rain in less

Tornado Injures Seven.

SHAWNEE, Okla., April 23.—Seven persons were injured, three dangerously, in a tornado which last night destroyed the home of S. L. Whittle, a farmer near here. Telephone and telegraph wires are down. It is believed the property damage in this vicinity

Gas Mains Broken.

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 23.—Two breaks in the natural gas mains between this city and the Clay county gas fields, caused by floods resulting from last night's storm, today left Fort

Workers, newspapers and small manufacturers without fuel for their power plants and most housewives without means of cooking breakfast.

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Germans now are employing asphyxiating bombs with marked regularity according to the French statement, although Berlin declares that there is no ground for this statement, and makes the counter charge that their use has been general among the allied armies. The French declare that to the north of Ypres their men were forced to retire considerably because of the deadly

French Gain Trenches.

Germany were "gained" at a place called the "Cow's Head," which is in the forest of Apremont, near St. Mihiel. A large number of German dead were left on the ground, it is declared.

In Alsace, French forces claim to have made considerable progress on both banks of the Fecht river. Ground is being gained to the east in the direction of Metzeral.

Russians Repulse Foe.

The Russians are, according to their accounts, repulsing repeated Austrian attacks on their positions to the south-east of Lupkos pass, in the Carpathians, and are holding their own against the Austro-German efforts on their flanks, near Gorlice, in western

Galicia, and Stry, in the eastern part of the same province. These attacks apparently are being made with the object of holding the Russians where they are while the Germans are preparing to strike at the Russian lines at some other point, possibly from the direction of Cracow.

A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says:
 "There was much activity yesterday on the part of the Russian airships. One dropped fifteen bombs on Flock. Several German boats on the Vistula were struck, as were the railroad station and trains.
 "Two other machines bombarded the station at Mlyn and the Ger-

railway station at Samarka and captured German aerodrome at Sanniky. Considerable damage was done to German trenches."